

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2013**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Hospitality and Entertainment**

Question: **115**

Written **Senator Ryan**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 12 July 2013

- a. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- b. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- c. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- d. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- e. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- f. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- g. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- h. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
- i. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?

Answer

- a) For the financial year to date to 31 March 2013, nil.
- b) Not applicable.
- c) For the financial year to date to 31 March 2013, nil.
- d) Not applicable.
- e) The Department is currently planning a number of events to mark the 25th anniversary of the opening of Parliament House. Final plans and indicative costs are not yet available.
- f) Not applicable.
- g) The Department is currently planning a number of events to mark the 25th anniversary of the opening of Parliament House. Final plans and indicative costs are not yet available.
- h) Not applicable.
- i) The Department spends a very small amount on hospitality and entertaining (\$579 for 2011–12). There are no planned reductions and estimated savings over the forward estimates; however, the Department will continue to monitor expenditure against hospitality and entertainment.